

Congrats on getting this far!
Good luck!

Ministerul Educației Naționale
Inspectoratul Școlar al Municipiului București
OLIMPIADA DE LIMBA ENGLEZĂ 2012-2013 - Etapa pe sector - clasa a X-a - varianta 2

I. (10 points) Read the text below and decide which variant (A, B, C or D) best fits each space.

Imagine having a full orchestra (1) _____ into your house. For a start, with so many people, it would get very stuffy indeed. The patience of the (2) _____ would soon wear thin. Also, you would need earplugs for the percussion, and the brass (3) _____ would probably drink everything in your fridge. An acceptable alternative is (4) _____ by the sampler, a piece of equipment that records, edits and mixes a wide variety of sounds electronically - the musical equivalent of a word processor. The sampler can alter the length of sounds - for example, it can slow down the human voice to (5) _____ something very unusual. Another feature is that the recorded sound can be (6) _____ back at any pitch - the woof of a small dog can be (7) _____ into a Bark prelude and fugue! Joking (8) _____, the first digitally-sampled sounds did in fact belong to a dog. 1980s 'synth-pop' (9) _____ extensive use of the sampler. It was customary to include orchestral 'stabs': a single short (10) _____ from an entire symphony orchestra inside a tin box.

- | | | | | |
|----|----------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|
| 1 | A - cramped | B - filled | C - pressed | D - placed |
| 2 | A - controller | B - governor | C - driver | D - conductor |
| 3 | A - team | B - section | C - group | D - band |
| 4 | A - handled | B - offered | C - shown | D - suggested |
| 5 | A - discover | B - bring | C - create | D - lead |
| 6 | A - played | B - gone | C - taken | D - run |
| 7 | A - got | B - turned | C - exchanged | D - set |
| 8 | A - beside | B - alone | C - aside | D - only |
| 9 | A - did | B - put | C - drew | D - made |
| 10 | A - note | B - key | C - sign | D - made |

II. (10 points) Fill the gaps in the text below with ONE suitable word:

The rarest and most expensive types of mushrooms in the world are called truffles and are considered a great delicacy. (1) _____ the mushrooms we eat most of the time, (2) _____ grow above the ground, truffles grow underground in natural woodland. (3) _____ date, no one has been able to cultivate truffles. They grow wild and have to be hunted for. However, (4) _____ to the commercial value of truffles, in most countries it is not possible to hunt for them (5) _____ you have a licence to do so. Ripe truffles produce a characteristic odour. If harvested before this odour develops, the truffle will not be mature (6) _____ to eat. It is therefore (7) _____ surprise that it is the smell of the truffle that leads the hunter to the right place. Dogs, with their keen noses, have been entrusted (8) _____ the responsibility of truffle hunting. After (9) _____, a dog's sense of smell is (10) _____ to 10,000 times better than that of a human.

III. (10 points) Read the text below and use the words given in capitals to form words that fit in the gaps. The words in capitals are given in the order in which you need to use them:

1-DOUBT 2-CAST 2-RESOLVE 4-WEIGH 5-COVER 6-SIDE 7-OUT 8-PRECEDE 9-GROWTH 10-LINE

The year 2013 will (1) _____ be a great year for many of us wondering what's in store for us. Expert (2) _____ are predicting it will be one of the best years ever. It will be one of those years when record numbers of people will stick to and keep their New Year's (3) _____. That means millions of smokers will quit smoking and the (4) _____ will make a more conscious effort to trim their waistlines. It should also be an easier year on the pocket as the world economy (5) _____ slightly from its recent shocks and downturns. In technology, all eyes will be on Apple to see if it will launch another revolutionary product. Industry (6) _____ say rumours are spreading of an Apple television. There is also good news for those hoping to make gains with their English. An abundance of great new tools will hit the shelves of both online and traditional stores (7) _____ the year. These will provide students with an (8) _____ variety of products to help them in areas they want to improve on.

The Internet will also see a lot more sites aimed at providing students with ways to interact with others around the world in English. More and more learners will study English in cyberspace from a (9) _____ army of (10) _____ teachers. 2013 will also see record numbers of people studying abroad, but not just English - millions will start learning Chinese, as China grows increasingly important in business.

IV. (20 points) Rephrase the following sentences so that they contain the words in capitals, and so that the meaning stays the same:

- | | |
|--|--------|
| 1. Ursula was disappointed not to win the competition.
Not winning the competition..... to Ursula. | CAME |
| 2. Bridget would love to have long hair.
Bridget long hair. | WISHES |
| 3. It was so hot that she fainted.
She it hadn't been so hot. | IF |
| 4. The coffee machine in our office hasn't worked for three months.
The coffee machine in our office..... for three months. | OUT |
| 5. The town was so unfriendly that we left immediately.
It was we left immediately. | AN |
| 6. Perhaps the car needs a new engine.
The car a new engine. | NEED |
| 7. She didn't go out until after Mike had called.
She waited until Mike out. | BEFORE |
| 8. I have no doubt that she was lying about her intentions.
She her intentions. | BEEN |
| 9. Jim and Peter will probably start their own business soon.
Jim and Petertheir own business soon. | LIKELY |
| 10. She found the photographs when she was cleaning her room.
She when she was cleaning her room. | CAME |

V. (50 points) - FORMAL LETTER

You see this advertisement in an English language magazine and you decide to apply for the post advertised, as it would give you the opportunity to spend the summer in England.

UNIVERSAL BOOKSHOPS

We are hiring people to work as shop assistants in our international bookshops in the months of July and August.

*Do you like reading?

*Have you worked in a similar post before?

*Do you have a good level of English?

Send in your application to Mr. Miller, saying why you think you are suitable for a position in one of our bookshops.

Write your letter in 150-180 words. Sign it as Tom Jenkins.

SCRIEȚI RĂSPUNSURILE PE FOAIA DE RĂSPUNS (ANSWER SHEET). BARĂȚI TOATE SPAȚIILE NECOMPLETATE.
TIMP DE LUCRU: 3 ORE. NU SE ACORDĂ PUNCTE DIN OFICIU.

INSPECTORATUL □COLAR AL MUNICIPIULUI BUCURE□TI
OLIMPIADA DE LIMBA ENGLEZĂ 2012-2013
ETAPA PE SECTOR– CLASA a X-a –varianta 2

PUNCTAJ SI BAREM

I. (10 puncte)

A D B / B C A / B C D A

1A	2D	3B	4B	5C	6A	7B	8C	9D	10A
----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	-----

II. (10 puncte)

1. Unlike 2. which 3. To 4. due 5. unless 6. enough 7. no 8. with 9. all 10. up

III. (10 puncte)

doubtlessly

1-undoubtedly 2-forecasters 3-resolutions 4-overweight 5-recovers 6-insiders 7-throughout
8-unprecedented 9-growing 10-online

IV. (20 puncte) Rephrase the following sentences so that the meaning stays the same:

1. came as a disappointment
2. wishes (that) she had/could have
3. would not/wouldn't have fainted if
4. has been out of order
5. such an unfriendly town that
6. may/ might need / may/might be in need of
7. (had) called before she went
8. must have been lying about/surely has been lying about
9. are likely to start
10. came across the photographs

10 X 2.

V. (50 puncte) Letter writing – *formal* - 150-180 words

vezi GRILA PENTRU CORECTAREA LUCRĂRILOR SCRISE (Descriptori)

NOTĂ: Pentru subiectele II □ i IV se acceptă orice variantă posibilă corectă.

NU SE ACORDĂ PUNCTE DIN OFICIU.